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SUBJECT: APRIL 18 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. INDOCHINA

US/VN WILL OPEN PARIS TALKS 5/3 ON POSSIBILITY NORMALIZING
DIPL RELS, DOS' CARTER SAID FRI. EA'S HOLBROOKE WILL
REPRESENT US; NOT KNOWN WHO WILL HEAD SRV DEL. US LIKELY
PROPOSE EARLY EXCHANGE AMBS AS MOST FEASIBLE WAY DEALING
W/POSTWAR ISSUES (AP, WP 4/16).

POSTAL SERVICE ANNOUNCES EXPANSION MAIL SERVICE TO VN; WILL
ACCEPT STD POSTCARDS/LETTERS/LETTER PACKETS, BUT NO PARCEL-
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POST SERVICE (AP, WP 4/16)

CAMBODIA BEGINS OBSERVANCES TO MARK 2ND ANNIVERSARY
COMMUNIST CAPTURE PP; URGES MORE SACRIFICE FOR REVOLUTION
(WP 4/17).

2. THAILAND

IN BANGKOK, SIMONS (WP 4/6) NOTES RTG EXECUTION DRUG
TRAFFICKER FRI. SAYS ANNOUNCEMENT STRUCK SOME OBSERVERS AS

PLOY TO IMPRESS US. QUOTES REP WOLFF (D-NY) OF HOUSE CMTE ON NARCOTICS ABUSE/CONTROL THAT HE HAD ASKED IF EXECUTION TIMED IMPRESS 60 US DELEGATES TO OPENING SESSION US-EA NARC CONF AT BANGKOK; WAS TOLD EXECUTION SCHEDULED SOME TIME AGO.

3. INDONESIA

GOI SAYS HUNDREDS STARVING FRETELIN SUPPORTERS IN E TIMOR HAVE SURRENDERED (WP 4/16).

4. PHILIPPINES

RESULTS EXPECTED 4/18 AFTER VOTERS IN 13 SOUTHERN PHILS PROVINCES CAST BALLOTS SUNDAY ON PROPOSED AUTONOMOUS GOVT THAT MOSLEM REBELS HAVE DEMANDED FOR AREA (WP).

PRES MARCOS HAS ORDERED EVERY ABLE-BODIED FILIPINO OVER AGE 10 TO PLANT ONE TREE YEARLY FOR NEXT 5 YRS TO CORRECT ECOLOGICAL IMBALANCE IN COUNTRY. DECREE SAYS STUDENTS FAILING COMPLY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED GRADUATE; OTHER PUNISHMENTS INCLUDE: DISQUALIFICATION FROM HOLDING PUBLIC OFFICE, NOT BEING ALLOWED PRACTICE PROFESSION, AND BEING DENIED GOVT LICENSES (REUTER, NYT 4/17).

5. KOREA

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IN SEOUL, LAT'S JAMESON (4/15) INTERVIEWS FONMIN PARK TON JIN, QUOTES HIM THAT SK AGENTS HAVE KEPT EYES ON NUMBER SKOREANS IN LA/ESLEWHERE IN US; SURVEILLANCE JUSTIFIED AS "LEGITIMATE DIPLOMATIC INFORMATION-GATHERING" OPN. FONMIN ALSO SAYS ROKG DEFINITELY CONCERNED RE PRES CARTER'S PLAN W/DRAW US GROUND TROOPS; DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER TONGSUN PARK HAD CLOSE RELATIONSHIP W/KCIA AGENTS IN WASHINGTON; ADDS CHARGES SK SUPPRESSION HUMAN RTS RESULT FROM HIGHER STD DISCIPLINE NECESSARY ACCOMPLISH ECON GAINS.

MARRO (NYT) REPORTS DOJ INVESTIGATORS OBTAIN LTRS FROM CONGRESSMEN TO PRES PARK THAT PRAISE EFFECTIVENESS TONGSUN PARK AS ADVOCATE KOREAN INTERESTS IN US; LTRS DO NOT SHOW CONCLUSIVELY TONGSUN PARK WAS OFFICIAL AGENT ROKG, BUT SUGGEST WAS WORKING TO INCREASE MIL/ECON AID TO SEOUL/ WAS "MORE THAN JUST A WEALTHY BUSINESSMAN TRYING TO INCREASE THE RICE TRADE." LTRS WERE WRITTEN 1973, FROM REPS GALLAGHER (D-NJ)/MINSHALL (R-O)/HANNA (D-CAL)/PASSMAN (D-LA)/SEN MONTOYA (D-NM)/REP MCFALL (D-CAL). (MARRO, NYT).

CHESHIRE/BABCOCK (WP 4/17) SAY LTRS PROVIDE 1ST DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE TO CONTRADICT PUBLIC DENIALS TONGSUN PARK'S

ROLE BY PRES PARK/SOME CONGRESSMEN UNDER DOJ INVESTIGATION. ADD WP OBTAINED COPIES OF LTRS FROM NON-GOVERNMENT SOURCES. NOTE ALL CONGRESSMEN INVOLVED EXCEPT MCFALL HAVE LEFT HILL. QUOTE LTR FROM GALLAGHER THAT TONGSUN PARK HAD RECEIVED PERSONAL COMMITMENTS OF CONTINUED US MIL AID FROM LAIRD/RICHARDSON; BOTH TELL WP THEY MADE NO SUCH PROMISES. REVIEW LTRS/CASE AT LENGTH.

SEOUL NERVOUS OVER PRES CARTER'S DECISION LIFT TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS ON ALIEN RESIDENTS OF US; WORRIED WILL ALLOW UNCLASSIFIED

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SKOREAN RESIDENTS IN US TRAVEL FREELY TO NK. SOME SEOUL SOURCES SAY COULD OEPN WAY FOR NKOREANS ESTABLISH PROPAGANDA BASE AMONG KOREANS IN US (NYT SPEC 4/17).

PRES PARK SAYS SK NOW CAPABLE MASS-PRODUCING MOST LIGHT WEAPONS/SOME FIELD GUNS. DEVELOPMENT ARMS INDUSTRY IS PART FORCE-IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (NYT SPEC 4/16).

SEOUL CHURCH SOURCES SAY GOVT CONTINUES CRACK DOWN ON HUMAN RTS SUPPORTERS, HAS ARRESTED 5 MORE CHRISTIAN ACTIVISTS (AP, NYT 4/16).

RECENTLY RELEASED US DIPL PAPERS DEPICT SK LEADERS IN STATE NEAR-PANIC OVER US DECISION W/DRAW MIL FORCES IN 1949 (REUTER, WP 4/17).

PYONGYANG NEWS AGENCY PLACES AD IN 4/16 NYT GIVING KIM IL SUNG'S 6/73 SPEECH ON REUNIFICATION.

6. PACIFIC ISLANDS

WILFORD (NYT) DESCRIBES WORK BEING DONE W/RATS ON ENIWETOK; STUDY BEING MADE ON THOSE WHOSE ANCESTORS SURVIVED 1948-58 NUKE TESTS.

7. AUSTRALIA

NEWMAN (WSJ) NOTES PROBLEM W/FLIES; MENTIONS EFFECT ON LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY/ECONOMY.

8. SINGAPORE

IN ARTICLE DISCUSSING "FLAG OF CONVENIENCE" SHIPS, NYT SPEC CITES PANAMA/LIBERIA/BAHAMAS/BERMUDA/CYPRUS/SINGAPORE/SOMALIA AS COUNTRIES PROVIDING FLAGS FOR 15 PCT TOTAL WORLD TONNAGE. MENTIONS SHIPS EARN 10 BILLION DOLS IN UNCLASSIFIED

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REVENUE ANNUALLY, BUT ESCAPE FISCAL/MONETARY CONTROLS OF COUNTRIES PROVIDING FLAGS.

9. JAPAN

FON MINISTRY OFFICIAL IMAI EXPRESSED "CAUTIOUS PESSIMISM" TO REPORTERS INVITED TO JAPANESE EMB 4/15, BUT SAID TALKS TO DETERMINE IF US WILL AGREE ALLOW JAPAN OPEN TOKAI NUKE REPROCESSING PLANT WILL CONTINUE NEXT WEEK IN WASHINGTON. IMAI ADMITTED "SOME DIFFICULTY" W/TALKS, ADDED US HAS ENUNCIATED PRINCIPLES W/O THINKING OUT DETAILS OF ITS NUKE POLICY. DOS SENIOR NUKE POLICY ADVISOR SCHEINMAN SAID IN INTERVIEW THAT IN A SENSE, JAPAN WAS RIGHT. STATED US WANTS POSTPONE PLUTONIUM DEVELOPMENT WHILE INTL EVALUATION OF IT TAKES PLACE. CONCLUDED 1ST ROUND TALKS WOULD PROBABLY STICK TO GENRL PRINCIPLES IN PLUTONIUM QUESTION, W/MORE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS WORKED OUT JOINTLY IN FUTURE SESSIONS (UPI, JOC; AP, SUN 4/16).

THARP (CSM TOKYO), KANABAYSHI (WSJ) REPORT ON SPRING LABOR OFFENSIVE. BOTH REMARK THIS YR'S PUSH FOR WAGE INCREASES MARKED BY LABOR'S EFFORT AVOID UNNECESSARY STRIKE ACTION, AS UNIONS REALIZE NEGATIVE EFFECTS SUCH ACTION COULD HAVE ON JAPAN'S SLOW-GROWTH ECONOMY. FOR 1ST TIME SINCE '68, RAIL WORKERS CALLED OFF COMMUTER TRAIN STRIKE, SCHEDULED 4/16. STEEL/AUTO/SHIPBUILDING/ELECTRIC MACHINERY INDUSTRIES WILL MOST LIKELY ACCEPT 8.54 PCT MONTHLY INCREASE OFFERED RATHER THAN 12.3 PCT ORIGINALLY DEMANDED.

FOLLOWING BREAKDOWN USSR-JAPAN FISHERY NEGOTS IN MOSCOW 4/14, FUKUDA ORDERED AGRIC/FOREST MIN SUZUKI RETURN TOKYO/ DECLARED JAPAN WOULD NOT PREJUDICE CLAIM TO 4 DISPUTED ISLANDS IN ORDER SECURE FISHERY AGREEMENT. DECISION MADE AT URGENTLY-SUMMONED CABINET MTG 4/15. OFFICIALS ALSO BEGAN WORK ON RELIEF PLAN COMPENSATE BOAT OWNERS/12,000 IDLE CREWMEN/WORKERS IN RELATED PROCESSING INDUSTRIES. UNCLASSIFIED

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FON OBSERVERS IN TOKYO THINK CURRENT DISPUTE IS IN PART RETALIATION FOR JAPANESE ACTION LAST YR IN SENDING DEFECTING MIG25 PILOT TO US. SAME OBSERVERS PREDICT EVENTUAL SOVIET CONCESSION, AS USSR FEARS JAPAN WILL BE DRIVEN TO PRC/WILL SUPPLY USSR NO MORE FUNDS FOR SIBERIA DEVELOPMENT (SAAR, WP TOKYO 4/15).

POLICE/STUDENTS ARMED W/BAMBOO SPEARS CLASHED AS OVER 11,000 PROTESTORS MARCHED AGAINST OPENING NARITA INTL AIRPORT, 45 MI E OF TOKYO (WP).

TREASURY DECIDES JAPANESE DUMPING TVS IN US HAS BEEN MORE SIGNIFICANT THAN THOUGHT/DEALS JAPANESE MFRS ANOTHER BLOW

BY SHARPLY RAISING TO 20 PCT BONDING REQUIREMENTS FOR POTENTIAL DUTIES GROWING OUT OF ITS '71 FINDING THAT DUMPING EXISTED (KLEINFELD, WSJ).

SUN (4/16) NOTES CALIF GOV BROWN RETURNED FROM TOKYO W/O PLEDGE FROM AUTO MFRS BUILD ASSEMBLY PLANT IN HIS STATE. GOV SAID IT APPEARED JAPANESE COULD MAKE GREATER PROFITS BY EXPORTING CARS RATHER THAN ASSEMBLING THEM IN US.

IN SEPARATE INTERVIEWS, 2 TOP NIPPON EXECS REAFFIRMED BELIEF IN VOLUNTARY RESTRAINT AGREEMENTS TO HELP HEAD OFF PROTECTIONIST BARRIERS BY STEEL-IMPORTING NATIONS. ALSO INDICATED JAPAN'S PRODUCTION, EXPORTS STEEL WOULD LAG BEHIND EXPECTATIONS THIS YR/CAPITAL SPENDING BY COUNTRY'S 6 LARGEST MILLS WOULD DROP/EXPORTS TO PRC WOULD EXCEED LAST YR'S LEVEL (THARP, WSJ).

JAPANESE CERTIFIED EXPORT CONTRACTS IN FY/76 HIT RECORD HIGH; CONTRACTS DIVIDED ABOUT EQUALLY BETW ADVANCED/DEVELOPING NATIONS (CULLISON, JOC).

JAPANESE EXPERT SAID IN WASHINGTON 4/15 CARTER'S DECISION WITHDRAW SOME 11 BIL DOLS FROM US ECON STIMULUS PROGRAM UNCLASSIFIED

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COULD PULL JAPAN INTO MORE EXPANSIONARY DOMESTIC POLICY. ALSO, OVER WEEKEND, ASST TREAS SEC BERGSTEN REITERATED US STAND THAT JAPAN/FRG SHOULD DO MORE SPUR ECON GROWTH/SAID CARTER DECISION UNLIKELY HAVE ANY IMPACT IN TOKYO/BONN (LAWRENCE, JOC).

IN ITEM ON ALASKA PIPELINE, RATTNER (NYT 4/17) MENTIONS US OIL FIRMS SEEKING EXCHANGE ALASKAN OIL W/JAPAN TEMPORARILY IN ORDER OBTAIN LOWER SULFUR CRUDE THEY DESIRE. STD OIL CALIF ESTIMATES EXCHANGE WOULD SAVE 1 DOL PER BBL ON TRANSPORT COSTS. INDICATIONS SHOW CARTER PLANS EXPLORE EXCHANGE POSSIBILITY SOON.

STERNE ARTICLE ON NY ATTRACTING MORE FON BUSINESSES (NYT 4/17) REMARKS JAPANESE ACTIVITIES IN NY HAVE BEEN INCREASING FOR OVER DECADE. NIPPON STEEL RECENTLY TOOK NEW OFFICES AT WORLD TRADE CENTER. STERNE SPEAKS W/NIPPON'S CORP SEC, WHO FINDS MOST YOUNG JAPANESE EXECS LIKE NY. NOTES NY CITS THINK PRICES HIGH, BUT JAPANESE FIND NY LIFE MUCH CHEAPER THAN RESIDING TOKYO.

REMAINING 44 JAPANESE PLAINTIFFS IN DAMAGE SUITS AGAINST MCDONNELL DOUGLAS RESULTING FROM TURKISH AIRLINES DC-10 CRASH OUTSIDE PARIS IN '74 HAVE WON SUBSTANTIAL OUT-OF-COURT SETTLEMENTS; FIGURES BELIEVED APPROACH 200,000 DOLS EACH INSTANCE (WITKIN, NYT 4/17).

EWING ITEM ON NY'S INTL IMPORT AUTO SHOW (WSTAR) NOTES
JAPANESE DISPLAY USED FOR FILMING NEW NEIL SIMON MOVIE
"THE GOODBYE GIRL." ALSO NOTES FACT GM'S OPEL NOW BUILT
IN JAPAN RATHER THAN FRG/OFFERS NEW, 4-DR MODEL (4/15).
10. CHINA

CARTER/CODEL RETURN AFTER 8-DAY TRIP PRC WITH "CHIP"
CARRYING CHARIMAN HUA'S "HANDWRITTEN PERSONAL NOTE" FOR
PRES. CONTENTS NOTE UNDISCLOSED. "CHIP" SEES SELF TOKEN
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PRES' WILLINGNESS CONTINUE IMPROVE RELS WITH PRC.

AP NOTES AT WASHINGTON AIRPORT NEWS CONFERENCE REP BRADE-
MAS SAID: GROUP HAD "SPIRITED EXCHANGE OF VIEWS" WITH
VICE PREMIER LI HSIEN-NIEN RE CONTINUED US SUPPORT FOR
TAIWAN/TAIWAN QUESTION ISSUE GREAT SENSITIVITY FOR ALL
PEOPLE OF CHINA/CARTER VISIT PRC NOT DISCUSSED BUT INVI-
TATIONS EXTENDED TOP PRC LEADERS VISIT US W/OUT IMMEDIATE
RESPONSE. AP/UPI NOTE BRADEMAS COMMENT CHINESE SKEPTICAL
RE PROSPECTS US/SOV NUKE AGREEMENT/DISARMAMENT (UPI,
WP; AP NYDN, SUN).

TAIWAN BREAKS DIP RELS WITH JORDAN AFTER THAT COUNTRY'S
RECOG PRC (WP).

IN HAWAII AT END 8-MO TRIP TO US, FORMER KOREAN WAR POW
(NOW TSINAN PAPER CUTTER) JAMES VENERIS COMMENTED
POSTIVELY ON HIS LIFE IN PRC. SAID NO WORRIES ABOUT BEING
FIRED/HAD CATERACT OPERATION IN BOTH EYES W/OUT COST.
VIEWS PRC CAPTURE AS "LIBERATION," WANTS SPREAD "US-
CHINA FRIENDSHIP" (NYDN).

NCNA REPORTS FIND OF 8,000-YR-OLD APE JAWBONE; SAYS
YUNNAN DISCOVERY SUPPLIES NEW SCIENTIFIC DATA FOR STUDY-
ING THEORY ORIGIN OF MAN (AP TOKYO, NYT).

SUN CARRIES UPI PHOTO OF BRITISH OPPOSITION LEADER THATCHER
BEING GREETED BY GOV SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE UPON HK
ARRIVAL.

JOC CITES INCOOPCOMBINATIE NEDERLAND PRES (OOSTVOGEL)
AS SAYING HK GARMENT MANUFACTURE REACHING PARIS STANDARDS.
ARTICLE ALSO CITES HART/SCHAFFNER/MARX CHAIRMAN GRAY'S
FORECAST OF INCREASED US PURCHASES/HINTS OF POSSIBLE
TRADE DIFFICULTIES AS IMBALANCES/QUOTAS.

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WP REPORTS DEATH RET-FSO RALPH CHARLES REHBERG (58) IN

ARLINGTON HOSP. REHBERG HELD UNDER HOUSE ARREST BY CHINESE COMMUNISTS IN MANCHURIA BETWEEN '48/'49, SERVED IN INDONESIA/DOMINICAN REPUBLIC/NETHERLANDS/BULGARIA/JAPAN/TURKEY.

GUYANA PRES ARTHUR CHUNG ARRIVED PRC ON STATE VISIT 4/18-- FIRST S AMERICAN LEADER VISIT PRC IN 2 YRS/GREATED BY VICE PREMIER LI HSIEN-NIEN AND FORMIN HUANG HUA (REUTER PEKING). COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

11. CARTER MEETS EDITORS

WP'S SCOTT REPORTS PRES TOLD VISITING NEWSMEN FRIDAY THAT US HAS BEEN KEEPING PRC INFORMED ABOUT "OUR BASIC POSITIONS" DISCUSSED IN ARMS CONTROL TALKS WITH SOVIET. OBSERVES CARTER REMARKS RE PEKING REMINISCENT OF NIXON-HAK TRIANGULAR DIPLOMACY, WHICH INVOLVED USING OPENING TO PRC AS PRESSURE POINT IN NEGOTS WITH SOVIET.

SCOTT NOTES PRES ALSO TOLD EDITORS THAT IS SK/ROC DO NOT AGREE VOLUNTARILY CUT BACK SHOE IMPORTS INTO US, "THEN WE WILL PUT MANDATORY QUOTAS ON THEM OR HIGH TARIFFS."

12. PHILIPPINES

PARADE'S SHEARER (WP 4/17) SAYS AMB UNDERHILL HAS PRODUCED "MOST STIMULATING DOCUMENT" NOW MAKING ROUNDS DOS, WHERE CAUSING STIR. SAYS CLASSIFIED REPORT CALLS FOR US WITHDRAWAL FROM CLARK/SUBIC. CITING 5-YR-ONE-BILLION-DOLS AGREEMENT REPORTEDLY REACHED LAST YEAR BY HAK/ROMULO, SAYS UNDERHILL THINKS BASES WORTH MUCH LESS, IF ANYTHING. SAYS UNDERHILL REPORT CLAIMS THESE 2 BASES ARE OF LIMITED FUNCTION, WOULD NOT DETER EFFECTIVE MOVES BY PRC OR SOVIET, ARE SOURCE IRRITATION TO PHILS/THIRD WORLD NATIONS, AND THAT US PRESENCE SEA NO LONGER OF CRITICAL MIL/POL IMPORTANCE.

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SHEARER OBSERVES THERE ARE REFUTATIONS TO EACH OF THESE POINTS; US NAVY WOULD BE MOST RELUCTANT GIVE UP SUBIC, AND SURRENDERING BASES WOULD UPSET JAPANESE--"WHO WOULD LIKE US TO CONTINUE PAYING FOR THEIR DEFENSE." BUT CONCLUDES UNDERHILL REPORT SHOWS AT LEAST ONE WAY CARTER ADMIN CAN PREVENT MARCOS' CONSTANTLY ESCALATING DEMANDS: THREATEN PULL OUT "IF HE INSISTS UPON REMAINING UNREASONABLE."

WP'S WIDEMAN (MANILA 4/17) FORECASTS THAT SUNDAY REFERENDUM APPEARS VIRTUALLY CERTAIN REJECT MARCOS' "MAJOR PUBLICLY PROCLAIMED" POLICY OF LOCAL AUTONOMY UNDER MOSLEM RULE FOR SOUTHERN PORVINCES. ADDS, HOWEVER, REJECTION WILL BUTTRESS PRES' PERSONAL CONTENTION THAT COMMITMENT TO GRANT AUTONOMY IS UNACCEPTABLE TO MOST OF REGION'S 4 MILLION

INHABITANTS. SAYS ANOTHER QUESTION IS HOW LIBYA/OTHER ISLAMIC CONFERENCE NATIONS WILL REACT TO REJECTION OF AUTONOMY.

ACCORDING WIDEMAN, REALISTICALLY, SETTLEMENT SOUGHT BY MORO FRONT WOULD HAVE LITTLE CHANGE, SINCE CHRISTIAN

REGIONAL MAJORITY WOULD FIGHT RATHER THAN BE RULED BY MOSLEM MINORITY. IF DEMANDS WERE REDUCED TO COVER ONLY 5 PROVINCES W/MOSLEM MAJORITY, WORKABLE FORMULA MIGHT BE POSSIBLE--BUT THESE PROVINCES NOT CONTINUOUS, WOULD BE DIFFICULT WELD INTO SINGLE REGION.

13. CHINA

NYT'S GWERTZMAN (4/17) SAYS PRC HAS "COME UP" FASTER THAN CARTER EXPECTED. SAYS VANCE/BRZEZINSKI HAD ADVISED PRES GIVE PRIORITY OTHER AREAS FIRST, THEN PRC AROUND MID-'77. MOVEMENT TOWARD NORMALIZATION ON MANY ISSUES/AT MANY LEVELS, BUT STILL LONG WAY TO GO. EVEN THOS SINO-US ATMOSPHERICS GOOD/US-SOV STRAINS PUSHING TWO NATIONS UNCLASSIFIED

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TOGETHER, NO EASY METHOD/DEVISE FOR INSTANT RAPPROCHEMENT. ADMIN'S NOT DECIDED WHAT DO. GWERTZMAN DISCUSSES VARIOUS NORMALIZATION METHODS--"TWO CHINAS," "ZONE OF PEACE," "VIETNAM-TYPE SOLUTION" (GIVING ROC SUFFICIENT MIL SUPPLIES/TRADE, LETTING FEND FOR SELF).

WP'S MATHEWS (4/16) SAYS CURRENT VEHEMENCE OF MIL/CIVILIAN DEBATE ON ARMS SPENDING COULD PROVIDE SHARP TEST UNITY OF HUA ADMINISTRATION.

CSM'S MORITZ (HK) WRITES THAT NEW 5TH VOL MAO SELECTED WORKS COVERING '49-'57 COULD GIVE CLUES DIRECTION HUA REGIME, SINCE EDITED UNDER HUA LEADERSHIP.

ALSO WRITING ON NEW 5TH VOL MAO WORKS, NYT'S BUTTERFIELD (4/16 HK) SAYS APPEARANCE WORKS LIKELY BOLSTER PRC TENDENCY VIEW MAO AS MODERATE SOCIALIST DEVOTED ECON GROWTH. BUTTERFIELD SAYS BOOK'S APPEARANCE LIKE FURTHER SUBTLE/DIFFICULT PROCESS OF DE-MAOIFICATION/CONTAINS FEW MAJOR SURPRISES. THEMES THOSE CHERISHED BY CURRENT RULERS BUT INTRIGUING ASIDES: '53 CRITICISM LIU SHAO-CHI FOR BREACH OF DISCIPLINE/ASSERTION ALL CENTRAL COMMITTEE DOCUMENTS TO BE SEEN BY HIM BEFORE ISSUING OR NULL/VOID; '56 SPEECH RE PRC'S OBLIGATION OVERTAKE US IN ECON GROWTH IN 50-60 YRS; ;57 COMMENT THAT AMERICANS WILL ONE DAY HAVE ESTABLISH DIP RELS WITH CHINA; '57 TALK COMPLAINING OF SOVS/HOW BLINDED THEY ARE BY OWN GAINS; '51 SPEECH RE USE OF VIOLENCE TO RID COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES

SUN (5/17) CARRIES AP FEATURE ON PRC'S SHOWCASE AID PROJECT IN AFRICA--1,162-MILE-LONG "GREAT UHURA RR." SAY COMPLETION YR AHEAD OF SCHEDULE/"NO STRINGS" AGREEMENT HELPED RESTORE PRC PRESTIGE IN BLACK AFRICA.

IN PARIS, FLORA LEWIS (NYT) WRITES OF APPLAUSE GREETING PRC SHANGHAI BALLET PRODUCTION OF "WHITE-HAIRED GIRL."
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KARNOW (WP) WRITES ESSENTIALLY NEGATIVE REPORT ON ROXANE WITKE'S "COMRADE CHIANG CHING". VIEWS BOOK AS FURNISHING SOME USEFUL MATERIAL/FEW NUGGETS AS GLIMPSE OF LUXURIOUS INDULGENCES CHINESE COMMUNIST LUMINARIES WHICH CONTRAST WITH THEIR PETENTIONS CREATING AUSTERE/EGALITARIAN SOCIETY; BUT ADDS POTENTIAL GOLD MINE TURNED OUT TO BE "BUST." CHIANG CHING DISCLOSURES SELF-SERVING/WITKE DISPLAYED UNUSUAL GULLIBILITY FOR PERSON SUPPOSEDLY SENSITIVE COMPLEXITIES PRC POL BEHAVIOR. SAYS CHECK OF CHIANG CHING REMEMBRANCES AGAINST OTHER SOURCES MAKES WITKE TRANSMISSION "SOMEWHAT DUBIOUS."

14. KOREA

WSTAR EDIT ENTITLED "THE RIGHT TO BE MOONSTRUCK" (4/17) WARNS AGAINST ANY SOCIETY "SAVING PEOPLE FROM THEMSELVES." MENTIONS RECENT CALIF COURT FIGHT WHERE PARENTS SOUGHT CUSTODY ADULT CHILDREN IN MOON SECT. SAYS SO LONG AS GROUP LIKE MOON'S REFRAINS FROM FRAUD/PHYSICAL ABUSE/INTIMIDATION, IS "OUTRAGEOUS" SAY "SANE PERSONS OF ADULT YEARS SHOULDN'T BE ON THEIR OWN BEFORE ITS ENTICEMENTS."

15. NUCLEAR POLICY

YERGIN (SUN 4/17) STATES US MUST "PROCEED WITH CARE" WHEN DEALING W/THOSE WHO NEED NUKE ENERGY, WHILE AT SAME TIME PROMOTE ALTERNATIVES TO "PLUTONIUM ECONOMY." NOTES MANY W EUROPEANS/JAPANESE REGARD US POLICY AS "LUXURY" MADE POSSIBLE BY US' ABUNDANT SUPPLIES COAL/URANIUM. QUOTES IAN SMART OF UK'S ROYAL INSTITUTE ON INTL AFFAIRS THAT W EUR/JAPAN "DO NOT HAVE THE LUXURY OF MULTIPLE CHOICES," MUST CHOOSE ALL ENERGY SOURCES. ADVOCATES GREATER UNDERSTANDING FOR OTHER NATIONS' ENERGY PROBLEMS, BUT PRAISES US INITIATIVE AS HELPING SLOW PROLIFERATION/PROVIDING AMMO TO ANTI-PROLIFERATION GROUPS TO USE IN BARGAINING W/THEIR
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GOVTS.

SF-CHRON (4/9) SAYS IN "FORESWEARING" US FROM PLUTONIUM REPROCESSING/RECYCLING, CARTER MADE "WORTHY EFFORT" TOWARD

MAKING WORLD SAFER FROM NUCLEAR TERRORISTS. EXPRESSES BELIEF MOST AMCITS WILL BE "VERY MUCH" ON PRES' SIDE "IN THIS UNILATERAL, SELF-DENYING EFFORT."

16. TRADE

SHABECOFF (NYT 4/17) PROFILES US SPECIAL TRADE REP STRAUSS. MENTIONS LABOR UPSET WHEN CARTER IGNORED RECOMMENDATION FOR SHOE IMPORT QUOTA, ASK SK/ROC/HK/OTHERS VOLUNTARILY LIMIT SHIPMENTS. STRAUSS REAFFIRMS US FREE TRADE POSITION, BUT STATES "WE HAVE TO PROTECT JOBS, TOO"; ADDS US "NOT GOING TO GIVE ANYTHING AWAY."

ASST PRES INTL LADIES GARMENT WORKERS UNION TYLER WRITES NYT (4/16). ASSERTS NOTION THAT US CONSUMER BENEFITS FROM FREE TRADE POLICY IS "PURE MYTH." STATES ONLY REAL BENEFICIARY IS US RETAILER WHO INFLATES MARK-UP. CITES STATISTICS ON JOB LOSS/WELFARE ROLE INCREASES DUE HUGE IMPORT FLOW. CONCLUDES IF US CONTINUES PURSUE SUCH POLICIES, COUNTRY APT LOSE "INDISPENSABLE" MFG BASE FOR ECONOMY.

17. INDOCHINA

BROWNING (CSM PARIS) SEES INDICATIONS NEW US-VN TALKS COULD PRODUCE RELATIVELY RAPID PROGRESS. NOTES NO AGENDA ANNOUNCED, BUT CARTER ADMIN WANTS SPEEDY SETTLEMENT ISSUES/US DEL WILL BE LED BY EA'S HOLBROOKE/BOTH SIDES SEEM WANT DISCUSS DETAILS OF DISAGREEMENT. REVIEWS NUANCES BOTH POSITIONS.

SHAPLEN (ASIAN WSJ 4/LL) LOOKS BACK OVER 2 YRS SINCE US UNCLASSIFIED

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LEFT VN. OPINES ORIGINAL US MORAL COMMITMENT TO VN JUSTIFIED; NOTES JUSTIFICATION DOCUMENTED BY ACCOUNTS LIKE THOSE OF REV GELINAS. BELIEVES NVN DOESN'T KNOW WHAT DO W/SVN. SAYS WOODCOCK MISSION OPENED DOOR, W/NEW SERIES PARIS TALKS TO BEGIN. SEES NO REASON WHY US SHOULD NOT MOVE TO LIFT TRADE EMBARGO/AGREE LET VN INTO UN/WORK TOWARD NORMALIZATION RELS. DESCRIBES POSSIBLE COMPROMISE RE AID. CONCLUDES COMMUNIST VN HERE TO STAY; ONCE US RECOGNIZES, MAY BE ABLE APPLY LEVERAGE FOR CONCEPT SEA NEUTRALITY.

AFSC'S KRISH WRITES NYT (4/16) TO DECRY 3/21 EDITORIAL DESCRIBING "LIBERATION" OF SVN ACCORDING REV GELINAS. SAYS PERSONAL EVIDENCE CONTRADICTS GELINAS' OBSERVATIONS. ADDS GELINAS' EXPULSION FROM VN DAMAGES HIS CREDIBILITY. AFSC'S MEACHAM (SUN 4/17) STATES, IN BALTIMORE/COLLEGE PK APPEARANCE, THAT VN UNDERTAKING REDEVELOPMENT W/ABSENSE "APPARENT OPPRESSION"/FEELING UNITY. MEACHAM DESCRIBES

RECENT VISIT VN, TELLS OF REGIMES' ACCOMPLISHMENTS. ADDS
REJECTED IDEA OF ASKING HANOI PERMISSION INVESTIGATE HUMAN
RTS VIOLATIONS; ADMITS PEOPLE BEING RE-EDUCATED "ARE THERE
BECAUSE THEY HAVE TO BE."

18. INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

LAT (4/15) LOOKS OVER PROBLEM CAUSED BY PERSENCE REFUGEES
IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES, ADVOCATES USG ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY
FOR CONTINUING PROGRAMS THAT WILL EXPIRE 9/30.

19. GENERAL

TREWHITT (SUN 4/17) REVIEWS US' WEB OF ALLIANCES. SAYS
SEATO IS "BITTER MEMORY" AS IS US COMMITMENT TO VN. MEN-
TIONS ANZUS ARRANGEMENT/DEFENSE TREATIES W/JAPAN/SK/TAI-
WAN/PHILS; NOTES ALL EXCEPT SEATO IN EFFECT TODAY. ADDS
DEFENSE RELATIONSHIPS ALSO CREATED THRU EXEC AGREEMENTS/
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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTIONS, INCL MEMO THAT BINDS US/PHILS.
SAYS US/PHILS NEGOTIATE RENEWAL MUTUAL SECURITY TREATY/
BASES ARRANGEMENT; MARCOS QUESTIONS WORTH US COMMITMENT,
WHILE US AGONIZES OVER PRICE ASSOCIATION W/MARCOS'
"INCREASINGLY CORRUPT, OPPRESSIVE" GOVT. RE SK, POINTS
OUT CARTER COMMITTED TO W/DRAWAL WHILE PROMISING MAINTAIN
SECURITY COMMITMENT; SK "NATURALLY SKEPTICAL," BUT
PRIVATE WORRIES JAPAN MORE IMPORTANT TO US.
VANCE

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